Board of Alderner, April 4, 1853.

Present—Richard T. Compton, Esq., President, Aldermen Moore, Haley, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyee, Tweed, Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Bard, Ward, Denman, Cornell, Alvard, Doherty.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PRITIONS.

By Alderman Bristian—Petition of S. H. Pierson and others, to have the name of Factory street, from Waverley place to Earls street, changed to North Waverley place. To Committee on Streets.

By the same—Petition of Benjamin H. Jarvis. to be appointed a commissioner of deeds. To Committee on Falarice and Offices.

By the same—Petition of James Conkright and others, to have sidewalk on north side of Tweifth street, between kinth and Tenth avenues, flagged. To Committee on Streets.

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By the President—Petition of Theodore Clark, agent of the estate of William Williams, deceased, for correction of tax. To Committee on Finance.

By the Prussinskin-Petition of Mary Howell, to be relieved from tax. To Committee on Finance.

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By the same—Petition of John Gray and others, for a sewer in Forty-sixth, between Ninth and Tenth avenues. To Committee on Sewers.

By the same—Bill of Dr. E. Knight for medical services rendered at the Sixteenth ward station house. To Committee on Police.

By the same—Petition of Cyrus W. Field and ethers, to have Twenty-first street regulated, between Third and Lexington avenues. To Committee on Streets.

By the same—Petition of Samuel W Moore, to have the sidewalk corner of Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street repaired. To Committee on Streets.

Hy Alderman Samil—Petition of Hiram Eagle and others, to have a new hydrant company organized. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Rain—Petition of Engine Company, No. 9, for a donation for Wm. H. Rose, who was injured at a fire. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Daxias—Remonstrance of C. Baker and others, against constructing a sewer in Gansevoort street. To Committee on Sewers.

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Fig. a manuant of tax paid in mistake. To committee on Finance.

By the same—Petition of S. Grossman and others, to repeal the ordinance for regrading Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues. Whereupon Alderman Wand presented the following resolution, viz;—Resolved, That all further proceedings in relation to the regulating, grading, &c., of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, be stayed until the further order of the Common Council—which was adopted. By Alderman Conneu.—Petition of Jacob Weber to be appointed a commissioner of deeds. To Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—Petition of Charles Condert for remission of taxes. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Alvorn—Petition of Marcus F. Dow and eithers to have vacant lots on Sixteenth street fenced in Bo Committee on Public Health.

By the same—Petition of the heirs of the late James W. Concklin, in relation to an assessment. To Committee on Assessments.

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By the same—Petition of Richard Ammerman and others, to have lots filled in near Sixth avenue, in Twenty-eighth street. To Committee on Public Health.

By Alderman Connell—Petition of William Holdridge, the better and Connell—Petition of William Holdridge, the better and the control of the Street. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Thanan—Petition of Elias Thomas, for the privilege of removing his bath from the north to the south of the Battery bridge. To Committee on Finance.

By the same—Petition of S. R. Phelps, to have Croton acceptable to the Later pipes put in Laurens street. To Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department.

By the same—Petition of H. Brevoort and others, for a sewer in Third avenue from Forty-ninth to Fifty-third street. To Committee on Sewers.

By the same—Petition of the Clinton Hall Association, for relief from tax. Thereupon, Alderman Themann presented the following resolution—

Resolved, That the property of the Clinton Hall Association, known as Clinton Hall, be taken from the sale of property for taxes, they being exempt by law, and the tax against Clinton Hall for 1851 be taken from the tax books and charged to the Second ward as deficiency. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Frances—Petition of Harvey T. Cleveland, to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds. To Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Trances—Petition of William D. Murphy, to have assessment on Forty-first street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, corrected. To Committee on Assessments.

By the same—Petition of citizens of the Seventh,

and Eleventh avenues, corrected. To Committee on Assessments.

By the same—Petition of citizens of the Seventh, Tenth, and Thirteenth wards, to have Grand street, from Bowery to the East river, paved with pavement similar to that now laid in Bowery from Bayard to Walker street. To Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Oaktry—Remonstrance of J. Bull and others, against the sewer being built in Franklin square, from Ferry to Franklin street. To Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Moorr—Petition of Leonard Appleby and others, to have Second avenue, between Twenty eighth and Forty second streets, paved To Committee on streets.

By Alderman Boves—Petition of C. S. Sewart and others, trustees, to extend bulkhead on West street, between Hoboken and Watts streets, North river. To Committee on Marves, &c.

By the same—Petition of J. C. Blauvelt, for reduction of Assessments.

By the same—Petition of J. C. Blauvelt, for reduction of assessment for sewer in Charles street. To Committee on Assessments.

Aldeman Francis—Communication from the fore-of the various fire companies, relative to the Fifth District not having any of the recently elected as-nt engineers residing therein. To Committee on

Fire Department.

By Alderman Boyck—Petition of John W. Beatty for ecting telegraph poles in different on Streets.

DENMAN—Petition of Robert Ho relief from Croton water tax. To Com

Aqueduct Department.

By the Prisident—Petition of James D. McMann for private sewer from his premises, in Breadway, twen five feet from Twentieth street to the main sewer.

Committee on Sewers.

By the same—Petition of the Trustees of the First Baptist Church, to be relieved tram assessment for building a sewer. To Committee on Assessments.

By the same—Petition of the fishermen doing business in Chuton Market to have their fish float removed. To Committee on Markets.

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By Alderman HALEY—Petition of John T. Stewart to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds. To Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman BRELEY—Petition of Josiah Mary & Sons, for permission to extend pier 45 East river, to the exterior line. Whereupon Alderman Brisley presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby, given to the owners of the water front on the East River, between Beekman and Gouverneur streets, to extend pier 45 to the exterior line fixed by the Common Council May, 1852. To Dommittee on Wharves, Piers, &c.

By Alderman Surra—Petition of Patrick H. Marshall, to be remunerated for injuries received at a fire.—To Committee on Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS.

Committee on Fire Department.

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By Alderman STURITY ANT—Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Markets to inquire and report to this Board upon the necessity or expediency of taking immediate measures for the rebuilding of Washington market, either upon its present site, or to remove it to some other lecality; together with its views, generally, as to the plan of building to be adopted, should it be concluded to rebuild. Adopted.

By Alderman Ward—Resolved, That the word "resigned" be, and is hereby crassed from the name of James Millward, Jr., member of Hose Company No. 44. Adopted. By Alderman Oakley—Resolved, That the crosswalk be rebuild opposite No. 300 Water steet. under the direction of the Commissioners of Repairs and Supplies.—Adopted. By Alderman Correll—Resolved, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be, and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals, and to contract for the alteration of house No. 15 Sixth street, for the use of Hook and Ladder Company, No. 12. Referred to Committies on Fire Department.

By Alderman Tirkany—Resolved, That if the Board of Assistant Aldermen concur, that an ordinance entitled an ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled and ordinance to Amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance to Amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance to Amend an ordinance entitled and ordinance entitl

ley, Boyce, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Themann, Bard, Ward, Penman Cornell, Alvord, and Poherty—14.

MOTION.

Alderman STURITYANY moved to take up the report of the Committee on the Alms Houre department, in favor of applying to the Legislature for a law authorizing the city to raise by lean \$75,000 for the erection of the south wing of the workhouse on Blackwell's Island, which was laid on the table. March 17, 1833. Which was carried.

He then moved the adoption of the report and resolution, which was carried on a division viz.—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Nartevant, Oak ley, Boyce, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Smith, Themann, Bard, Cornell, Alvord, Doherty—15.

Negative—Alderman Benman—1.

FROM DEFARTHERST.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, in relation to the opening of Fourth agenus from 107th to 144th street, which was laid on the table, and directed to be printed.

From Croton Aqueduct Department—With abstract of estimates for March, 1853. Ordered on file.

From Counsel to the Corporation—As to power of County Clerk to tax costs in street openings. Laid on the table and directed to be printed.

Apportionment of assessment in the matter of paving, resetting cure and synthey, &c., in Fortlein street. Also, for paving Twendich street Tom avenue A to East river. Adepted.

From the Street Commissioner—Relative to the amount of moneys paid for regulating and gaving streets. Laid on the table and directed to be printed.

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From the Street Commissioner—Asking to have the ordinance for re-grading, &c. Sixth avenue from Forty-second to Forty-inth street, amended. To Committee

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From the Street Commissioner—With the following ea From the Street Commissioner—With the following estimates, viz. —For paving Second avenue from Twenty-eighth to Forty-second street; for regulating, &c. Lexington avenue from Fifteth to Fifty-seventh street; for regulating, &c., Lawence street from 120th to 120th street; for flagging Second street from First avenue to avenue & for feeting somer of Thirty-first street and Lexington avenue; for regulating, &c., Nineteenth street from First to Second avenue; for flagging, &c., Forty fifth street from Second to Third avenue; for regulating, &c., Thirty-sixth street from Second to Second avenue; for regulating, &c., Thirty-sixth street from Second to Bighth avenue. Con-Linced by the following vote, viz. —

ley. Beyce, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Tlemann, Eard, Ivenman, Alverd, Doherty—12.

From the Street Commissioner—Asking that the ordinance for paving, &c. Mangin street between Stanton and Rivington. be amended. To Committee on Streets.

From the Street Commissioner—Ralative to amending ordinance for regrading, &c., Farty third street between Second and Third avenues. To Committee on Streets.

A message was received from the Mayor, transmitting the annual report of the Sallors' Snug Harbour for the year 1852, which was ascepted and ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, in relation to Fulton market. Referred to Committee on Markets.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, nominating the following persons as city surveyors, viz:—Edward Boyle, John T. Dodge, George Watson, junr. Referred to Committee on Salaries and offices.

Alderman ALYGED moved that the President be re-quested to direct Alderman Smith to vote with the mem-bers in the transaction of the business of the Board, which was carried.

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MEPORT

Of Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department—To concur relative to new reservoir. Adopted.

On motion, the Board then adjourned until Wednesday evening, 6th inst., at 5 o'clock.

BOARD OF ASSITANT ALDERMEN, Monday, April 4, 1853.

Present—Jonathan Trotter, Esq., President, and Assistant Aldermen Brown, Tait, Mabbatt, O'Brien, Maybee, Breaden, Woodward, Ring, Hunt, Bouton, McGown, Stewart, Whelan, Barker, Orawford, O'Keefe, and McConkey.

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By Assistant Alderman Brown—Of Stephen Whitney, Thempson Price, and others, for widening and re-grading Chatham street. To Committee on Streets.

By same—Of residents of Eleventh, Pifteenth and Seventeenth wards, for a ferry foot of Sixth street, to North Seventh street, Williamsburg. To Committee on Ferries.

By Assistant Alderman McConkey—Of Thomas J. Brown,

North Seventh street, Williamsburg. To Committee on Ferries.

By Assistant Alderman McConkey—Of Thomas J. Brown, to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds. To Committee on Seleries.

Of M. B. Mason, for a sewer in Crosby street, from Houston to Bleecker. To Committee on Sewers.

By Assistant Alderman O'KEEPE—Of H. S. Short, and others, for Croton water pipes to be laid in Forty-seventh street, between Eighth avenue and Broadway. To Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department.

By Assistant Alderman Chawfour—Of C. G. Gunther and others, to have the sidewalk of Fourteenth street, between Second and Third avenues, widened. To Committee on Streets.

By Assistant Alderman STEWART—Of Charles R. Smith, to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds. To Committee on Streets.

By Assistant Alderman McGown—Of John Megys, for payment of contract for sewer. To Committee on Finance.

By Assistant Alderman Bouron—Of J. Brice Smith, that carriageway in Thirty-fifth street, between Broadway and Eighth avenues. To Committee on Streets. By Assistant Alderman Markarr—Of Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company, to erect poles in Spring street, from Washington street to the St. Nicholas Hotel. To

from Washington street to the St. Nicholas Hotel. To same.

By same—Of Livingston, Orocheren & Co., for the exclusive use of part of pier No. 24 North river, for steamer running to Mobile. To Committee on Wharves, &c.

By Assistant Alderman Ring—Of Samuel F. Butterworth and others, for a sever in Thirty-fifth street, from Lexington avenue to a point eighty feet east of Fourth avenue, on said street. To Committee on Sewers.

By same—Of Samuel Storm and others, to have a public dispensary established and known as a vegetable dispensary, for the distribution of vegetable medicine. To Committee on Public Health.

Ey Assistant Alderman Tatt—Of William G. Haydock, to be appointed commissioner of deeds. To Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Salaries and Offices.

ERMONSTRANCE.

Of owners of property, against sewer in Mercer street, between Bleecker and Amity streets. To Committee on

between Bleecker and Amity streets. To Committee on Sewers.

By Assistant Alderman Brown—That the house of Engine Company No. 20 be put in repair, having been injured on building at side of it.

By Assistant Alderman Wherlan—That curb and gutter stones on west side of Flm street between Nos. 188 and 202, be reset. Adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Ring—That crosswalk at the corner of Greene and Grand streets be repaired. Adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Marber—That; the name of Erastus W. Brown be inserted as Commissioner of Deeds, instead of Frastus Brown. Adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Crawrord—That Twenty-fourth street, between Madison square and First avenue, be lighted with gas. Adopted.

By Committee on Assessments—That the Street Commissioner cause a re-survey of work done on section C of Second avenue, from Ninety-third to 103d streets in regulating and grading the same, and report to this Board. Adopted.

REPORTS

Of Committee on Assessments—In favor of granting.

Scond avenue, from Ninety third to 103d streets in regulating and grading the same, and report to this Board. Adopted.

REPORTS

Of Committee on Assessments—In favor of granting petition of Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, to be relieved from assessment for regulating Fifty first and Fifty-second streets. To Committee on Finance.

Of Special Committee on Finance.

Of Special Committee To investigate alleged charges against members of the Common Council, stating that at their request an opinion was presented by the Counsel to the Corporation, as to the powers of this board; that the counsel expressed his belief, that neither the Board of Assistants, nor any of its committees, had power to issue a subporta, or swear a witness; that the committee then advertised in several of the city papers for voluntary testimory, but no witnesses appeared, and the committee requested the counsel to the board to petition the Legislature for the requisite authority.—Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Of Committee on Streets, To concur to lay a cross walk in Broad street, opposite No. 138. Adopted.

Of Committee on Lamps, Ec.—To concur to light Twenty seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenue, who had not been supposed to the concur to place gas lamps in Fifth avenue, from Thirty second to Forty-second street; to concur to have Eighty sixth street, from Fifth avenue to Bloomingdale road, lighted with oil. Adopted.

Of Committee on Almahouse—In favor of application to the Legislature for the passage of a law authorizing the city to raise by loan \$75,000 for the crection of the south wing of the workhouse on Blackwell's Island. Concurred in Resolution—To erase word "resigned," from name of

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Resolution—To erase word "resigned," from name of James Millward, Jr., member of Hose Co. No. 44. Concurred in.

Resolution—That further proceedings in relation to the regulating, grading, &c., of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, be stayed until the further order of the Common Council. Concarred in.

Report—Recommending the creation of two bureaus in City Inspector's Department. To Committee on Public Health.

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Reports—in favor of sewer in Mercer street, between Amity and Bleecker streets; in favor of sewer in Mott street, from Chatham to Fell street; in favor of sewer in Fifty fourth streets, between Third and Fourth avenues; in favor of sewer in Forty-fourth street, from near Sixth neeme, through Third avenue, to Forty-second street. All to Committee on Sewers.

Reports—On building a sewer in Duane street, from the sewer in City Hall place to a point near Chatham street; in favor of remitting, on petition of Rebecca Morton, as sessment for building a sewer in Madison street; in favor of confirming assessment list for sewer in Duane street, from City Hall place to near the intersection of Chatham street, and appointing Isaac Edwards collector. All to Committee on Assessments.

Report—In favor of adopting report of Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, relative to building a house in Elizabeth street for the use of the Chief Engineer and others, and also as to some engine houses, &c. To Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Apportoinment of assessment—In the matter of building a sewer in Lexington avenue, from Thirty-second to Thirty-sixth streets. Concurred in.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday afternoon, at six o'clock. From the minutes.

Debates in the Common Council.

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BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

ALLEGEO CORPORATON PRAUDE.

The special committee appointed to investigate the charges of fraud and corruption against members of the Common Council, and city officers, having had the subject duly under consideration, Report:

That immediately after the March session of the Board was closed, the committee met and organized for the full prosecution of the subject submitted to them for investigation—that the Counsel to the Corporation was forthwith applied to for information as to the form of subpora and the manner of administering the oath, to be used as necessity should require, and also as to the powers of the committee to send for persons and papers—that the Counsel to the Corporation being out of town, ex-Counsel Brady appeared in his behalf, and stated that it was the opinion of the counsel, as well as his own, that this committee had no power, whatever, either to subpone to the committee had no power, whatever, either to subpone to work the committee being powerless, as will be seen by the written opinion of the counsel (Mr. Dillon) which was subsequently furnished, and who also appeared before the committee in person, and stated as his impression that the committee would be readering itself liable to an action for misdemeanor were it to assume the power of serving a subpona or administering an oath—immediately requested the public, through the press, to appear before the committee and give in whatever testimory, voluntarily, they were possessed of. Pursuant to this appear, although the committee had several session, no one appeared and consequently no to-timony was taken your committee, therefore, linding the charter defective on the subject of imprachment, directed the Counsel to the Corporation to memorialize the Legislature, during its resent session to pass such a law as will give all the requisite and necessary powers to the Roard of Assistants to fully carry out the spirit of the charter, with regard to the charter defective on the subjec

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed. At the termination of the other business, which will be und in the official report, the Board adjourned to Wed-

Board of Supervisors.

His Honor the Recorder in the Chair, he minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting we d and approved.

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FREE SCHOOLS.

The following resolution was referred to a committee composed of the Recorder and Aldermen Denman and Boyce:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to raise by lean a sum sufficient to discharge the existing claim of the State against the city and county of New York, under the provisions of the act to establish free schools, passed in 1851.

An Alderman submitted the following, which was un nimondy adopted :— Resolved. That the Comptroller be, and is hereby, quired to report to this Board, at its next meeting w ther he has refused to pay the bills audited and ords

to be paid by this Board, for copying the indexes in the he Register's office: and if so, why he has done so

in the Register's office; and if so, why he has done so, and his reasons.

COROSERS' MILES.

The bills of Coroners Hilton, Gamble, and O'Donnell, for services rendered from the 1st of January, 1853, to 31st March—amounting to \$2,972 52—were ordered to be paid.

The bill of ex-Coroner Ives, for \$2,458 98, for services rendered as Coroner from 1st October to 31st December, 1852, was ordered to be paid.

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The bill of ex-Sheriff Carnly, for \$1,320 43, was ordered to be paid.

The petition of A A. Thompson, A. A. Phillips, and Florence McCarthy, Judges elect of the Marine Court, to have their salary fixed, under the law of 1852, was referred to Committee on County Offices.

The resignation of the Clerk of the Marine Court was tendered, and referred to the Committee on County Offices.

The Board adjourned to Monday next.

Offices.

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Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Hon. Judge Edwards, Ald. Sturtevant and Peck presiding.

THE MURDER OF A WIFE BY HER HUSBAND.

Patrick Fitsgerald, an idiotic looking man with wild eyes, and apparently over fifty years of age, was put forward to plead to an indictment charging him with the murder of Margaret Fitsgerald, his wife, by shooting her with a pistol, on the 17th January last, in the Twentieth ward. The prisoner is a native of Ireland, and accustomed to lordly judges.

On being asked by the clerk if he demanded a trial, he said he did.

The Court inquired if the prisoner had any counsel. Who sold off my little place, took the proceeds, and then cleared out, and never came near me again. I first sent the Coroner an order to sell my property and use the proceeds to bury my wife. In the course of the day he came to me and said he could not attend to my business. My Lord, I went to a counsel who appeared to be a decent man, but he soid —

The Judge here interrupted the narrative of the prisoner, and assigned Mr. A. A. Phillips and Mr. Palmer as counsel to defend him.

The District Attorney said he should like to have the trial set down for as early a day as the counsel can fix. Mr. Phillips said that the papers were voluminous, and he wished for as long a day as possible.

The Court remarked that this was the only indictment found as yet.

The District Attorney said—Yes, but there are three other cases—one for infantiside, and he doubted whether it would result in coming before this Court. One of the other cases he expected to send before the Grand Jury to-day. In the third case the papers had not been returned to him.

The Judge then set down the trial of Fitzgerald for Tuesday, the 12th instant, on the understanding that the other cases would be ready to be proceeded with after that trial.

Several juriors were excused from attending for various reasons; and about twenty were fined \$25 each for nonattendance.

The Court then adjourned to 10 c'clock this morning.

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Superior Court—In Chambers.

Before Hon. Judge Duer.

APRIL 4.—In the matter of John Palmer, an Indentured Apprentice.—This was an application on a habeas corpus for the discharge of John Palmer, an indentured apprentice, from indentures made before Justice Bogart on the 16th of March last, under the following circumstances:—The petitioner is a minor, aged some fifteen years, who was born in England, came to Canada when about three years of age, since both his parents died, leaving the petitioner an orphan. About two and half years since the petitioner found his way to this city, where, being a friendless stranger, he fell in with John Radway, Jr., a vender of pills and patent medicines, who took him into his pill establishment, where he was kept until about six months ago, when the boy left, and went to the upper part of this city, and went into the service of a kind-hearted man, named Lamphin, corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, with whom he continued until the 10th of March last, when, as the boy alleges, he was compelled to go with a partner of said Radway before Justice Bogart, in Centre street. On arriving at the police office, the said Radway and his partner were present, and demanded that the said Palmer should be indentured. The papers were prepared, and the boy, under fear that the Justice would send him to Randall's Island as a vagrant, executed the same binding himself as an apprentice to said Radway for the term of seven years, te learn the art of compounding medicines, &c. The boy, on Thursday last, had his petition presented to Justice Emmet, of the Superior Court, who granated a writ of habeas corpus, returnable on the last of April, at which time the said Radway appeared with the boy before Justice Duer, and claimed his services under the indenture executed as above stated. Mr. R. H. Shannon, the counsellor for the petitioner, demurred to the return of said Radway, and claimed that the indentures were void on the ground that the

United States District Court.

DECISION IN ADMIRALTY.

By Hon, Judge Betts.

APRIL—John M. Lapeyre, as the Propeller Ontario.—Collision at the mouth of the Mississippi. Decree for the libellant, with order of reference to the commissioner to ascertain and report the libellant's damages.

Boos Levy and David B. Solomon vs. the Sicomethip Georgia.—On bill of lading. Decree for libellants, for value of the goods at Chagres, with order of reference, &c.

John A. Merchado vs. Joseph J. Sturievant.—Oncharter party. The libellant after voluntary payment on suit of the freight stipulated in the charter party, cannot maintain a counter action for non-performance of the stipulations upon which freight was claimed and paid, or which may have entitled him to damages in diminution of the freight demanded. Decree for respondent.

George Debson vs. Thomas Riley.—Action for cellision. The delendant is not personally liable for damages by collision of a boat, not owned by him at the time of the collision. The weight of eridence is that he had disposed of his interest in the vessel prior to the collision. His declaration that he was owner at the time is not evidence of the fact, nor conclusive against him, and may be explained or rebutted by other evidence. But such declaration to agent of libellant before suit brought, is strong evidence against his equity to costs. Decree for respondent, without costs.

Jomes Tatem vs. Thomas Riley.—The libellant is entitled

strong evidence against his equity to costs. Decree for respondent, without costs.

James Tatem vs. Thomas Riley.—The libellant is entitled to costs only upon the first proceedings to the termination of the suit, and the respondent is entitled to costs on all the proceedings under the supplemental bill. Decree accordingly.

The Steamboat New York ads. Isaac P. Rea.—On exceptions to report of Commissioner. Exceptions allowed as to the sum of \$195, included in the Commissioner's report, and disallowed as to all other particulars. Decree for libellant fer \$4,374, without costs on exceptions, to either party.

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Ira B. Tuttle and others vs: Peter Hogg and others —Order

Ira B.Tuille and others w: Peter Hogg and others.—Ordered full costs to the defendants.

William H. Merrit, et al., w the Brig J. B. Lunt—Action for possession of vessel by mortgagors. Ordered decree for libellants. The question of costs reserved to asceptain whether libellants exercised their legal rights oppositely or inequitably in arresting the vessel, and whether a bona fide offer to pay the debt was previously made by the mortgagor, with the ability to perform it.

Theatrical and Musical. BOWERY THEATER.-The entertainments selected for this

evening consist of three very attractive pieces, namely:—
the "People's Lawyer," "Toodles," and "Jack Sheppard,"
in which all the leading talent of the theatre will fill the
respective characters. This theatre was never in a more
prosperous condition.

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EROADWAY THEATHE.—Mr. Forrest, whose theatrical oreer is one of the greatest success, having full housevery night he performs, will appear, this evening, his great character of Metamora, supported, as usual, it he eminent artists attached to the metropolitan theatr The entertainments will conclude with the farce "Texal."

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BURFON'S THEATER —The first piece selected for this evening is the excellent comedy of "Paul Pry," in which Burton and many other celebrated artists will appear. The orchestra, which is composed of everal eminent musicians, will play several popular airs, and the amuse ments will close with "Luke the Laborer."

NAHOMAL THEATRE.—Purdy announces two attractive dramas for this evening's entertainment. The first is well known and has been a favorite piece with the frequenters of this theatre; it is entitled "The Blacksmit of Antwerp," and the terminating piece is "Crime an Repentance," both well cast. WALLACK'S THEATRE.—The beautiful comedy called

Cure for the H-artache' is selected for this evening, and considering the talented comedians attached to this flourishing establishment, we can safely say those who may visit Wallack's to night will receive a rich treat. The amusements close with "The Practical Man."

amusement's close with "The Practical Man."

AMERICAN MUSEUM.—The same attractive performances which were given yesterday afternoom and evening are to be repeated to day. They consist of three very amusing farces, and the drama entitled "The Six Degrees of Crime"—C. W. Clarke, Mr. Hadaway, and Miss Mestayer.

Sr. Charles Thearre—Pilgrim's new drama called "Eveleen Wilson" is to be repeated to night together with the drama of "Rob Roy"—Mr. J. R Soott, an old and favorite actor as Rob Roy. The other characters will be sustained by a good stock company.

CIRCUS—Sands and Company's excellent equestrian trouge will all appear to night. Mr. Runnells is to introduce his celebrated dancing bears again this evening. The performance is exceedingly novel, and will no doubt attract a large assemblage.

CHIMSTY'S OPERA HOUSE—This place of amusement continues to be extensively patronised. The entertainments

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DR. BOYNTON.—This gentleman will continue his series of select fifternoon philosophical entertainments at Montageneral and Montageneral

of select afternoon philosophical entertainments at a tropolitan Hall, commencing to morrow afternoon, mitting ladies and gentlemen, children and select school at the low charge of ten cents. RANVARD'S HOLV LAND is to be exhibited again this Im. VALENTINE announces another excellent programme for this evening.

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OWENS' ALFINE RAMBLES, AND ASCENT OF MONT BLANC—
This novel entertainment is to be repeated this evening,
at file Broadway.

ROBERT HELLER'S SOURCES OF DIABLERIE.—Professor Heller has provided another attractive programme for the
amusement of his numerous patrons, at 5.99 Broadway.

PAUL JULIEN gave a concert last evening in Washingto Miss Canonase Richings was to make her appearance at he Walnut street theatre, Philadelphia, last evening. MADAME ANNA Turnos was playing in St. Louis on the 29th ult.; Mr. Hudson, the frish comedian, was also in

The Strikes.

A meeting of this body of men was held en Friday evening, at Chatham Hall, to take into consideration the propriety of making a strike for an advance of wages.

Gouhran was chosen chairman, and said that when the society had increased in numbers, they would then be able to make a strike. Coopers were as useful as any other class of mechanics, and abould receive a proper remuneration for their labor.

There was some discussion among the members about the amount of wages they should strike for. Some said that \$2 would not be too high an advance, and others affirmed that 14 shillings would be enough to coopers who worked up town in the sugar factories, as it would be better for them than \$2 would to those who worked along the wharf in the lower part of the city. The reason was, because those in the upper part of the city had strady employment, whereas those working on the docks were subject to the various changes of the weather.

The Chairman said that he considered the strike a very serious matter, and they should go to work with deliberation, and that no rashness should be attempted. If they should strike for fifty cents advance per day, their employers would defeat it by offering steady work to others for fourteen shillings per day. There were some of the bosses who paid fourteen shillings; but, as a general thing, coopers received but twelve shillings in nearly all the establishments in New York. He was in favor of establishing fourteen shillings as the standard wages, and perhaps next year they would receive two dollars.

Mr. Cooms moved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions and publish a call for a public meeting of the coopers, on Monday evening, in the Hisralio and other daily newspapers. The meeting then separated.

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THE COAL CARMEN.

A mass meeting of the carmen was held at Montgomery Hall, on Thursday night, for the purpose of making arrangements for a strike, which came off on the list of April.

Mr. McGraff addressed the meeting. He said, that on the first of this month, what was vulgarly called a strike would take place among them, but there would be a peaceable understanding between the coal carmen and the coal dealers. They were not going to fight, but they were going in a peace able manner to demand the advance of wages arranged by the society. Their society was not like the house carpenters or ship-bullders, who can remain idle for a time; but there was too great a call for the men of that society remaining idle. The work of carting should be done immediately. He concluded by asking them if they were determined not to work for less wages than they had agreed upon at other meetings? (Cries of "Yes, yes.")

On a motion, each member was to be furnished with a card of his membership of the cartimen's society, so that in the event of the strike not being general, those not at work could be supported by the common fund of the society. They then fixed the price of coal carting for the gas companies at \$3 per day.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Resolved, 1. That on and after Honday, April 11, all the members of this society shall demand the sum of \$2 per day.
Resolved, 2. That no member of this society shall work more than ten hours for a day's work. All over time shall be paid 25 cents per hour.
Resolved, 3. In order that the demand we require may be the easier obtained, it is earnestly requested that it should be asked in a quiet and orderly manner.
Resolved, 4. That any member acting with violence, or contrary to the rules of this society, shall not be recognized as one of this body.

THE TEAMSTERS' AND TRUCKSTERS' MEETING.
Pursuant to an adjournment, this body of meu met on Friday evening, at No. 360 Grand street, for the purpose of forming themselves into a protective benevolent society, and also for the purpose of taking into consideration an increase of wages.

Mr. JAMDS STARES was chosen chairman on the occasion, and introduced Mr. JOHNSON, who addressed tham. He urged upon them the necessity of their striking a blow then, in order to obtain a decent subsistence for them and their families, which the present rate of wages did not afford. The vages they then received was from one dollar to ten shillings per day, which was barely sufficient to keep the body and soul together. He thought their employers cought, by all means, eccede to their demauds, namely. \$1.50 per day, for 13 hours work.

Mr. BRVAN rose and said that he was aware of the wants of a family, and was astonished that the teamsters should delay their striking so long. If the street cleaners got nine shillings per day, why should not the teamsters and the trucksters get twelve shillings? He concluded by warning them to be united, and they would no doubt secure their rights.

The Secretary, (Mr. JOHNSON,) then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted —
Resolved, That from Monday next we labor no longer except for \$1.50 per day.

Committees were then appointed to prepare a constitution and bye-laws, and to wait upon their employer

and some twenty members joined the benevolent society.

THE PRINTERS' UNION.

A large meeting of this body was held on Saturday night, at Fountain Hall, Bowery, for the purpose of a revision of the present scale of prices in accordance with the movement among the various other trades in the city. After a great deal of discussion, it was determined to increase the scale of prices to an average rate of fifteen per cent, which is an advance from thirty-two to thirty seven cents per thousand ems for those employed on daily papers, and a rise from twenty eight to thirty-three cenis per thousand for those working on Sunday papers. The weekly hands on the morning papers are to have their wages raised from \$14 to \$17 per week, and those on evening papers from \$10 to \$12.

These charges will take effect for those employed on daily papers on the 8th instant, and for those employed on the weekly papers on the 11th.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted:—
Resolved, That if any member of this Union shall be compelled to leave his situation in consequence of adherence to the Scale of Prices adopted at this meeting, the bills of such members as have been benefitted by said scale, shall be taxed fifteen per cent for the purpose of raising a fund to aid and sustain the member or mem-

scale, shall be taxed lifteen per cent for the purpose of raising a fund to aid and sustain the member or mem-bers thus deprived of situations, while they necessarily remain unemployed.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Gilbers Of New York.

The gilders of this city and vicinity held a meeting on Saturday night, in reference to an advance of wages. It was resolved to strike for twenty cents per hour, which is an advance of about 25 per cent, as the present wages are from 12½ to 18½ cents per hour. The meeting was very well attended, and many persons expressed their opinions in regard to the great increase of house rent and the high rate of provisions in the market.

Shipbuilding in New York.

Below is a statement of the vessels constructing in the New York shipyards. The builders appear to be doing a very good business—not a yard among them but has from from one to four or five vessels in various stages of for

wardness.

The number of new vessels on the stocks at present is forty-one, of which eighteen are steamers and twenty three sailing eraft.

Mr. A. C. Bell has two clipper ships on the stocks One is named the North Wind, of about 1,100 tons burthe building for S. W. Goodridge & Co., and to be commanded by Capt. J. B. Hildreth. She is 186 feet long on deck, 170 on the keel, 36 feet wide, and 21 deep. She is very nearly ready, and will be launched about the middle of this month, with all her spars and rigging set. The other vessel is named the San Francisco, of about 1,400 tons, for T. Wardell & Co. She is 195 feet on deck, 190 on the keel, 38 feet wide, and 22 feet deep. She is now in frame, and will be launched next July. Both are intended for the California and China business.

Messrs. Westervelt & Sons have in frame at their lower

ard, the clipper ship Sweepstakes, for Messrs. Chambers Heiser, to be launched about the middle of June. Sh is 220 feet long on deck, 215 feet keel, 40 broad, and 22% deep. They have also another clipper ship on the stocks to be launched about the same time, for Messrs. Goodhu & Co., called the Kathay. She is 210 feet long on deck 38 feet wide, and 22 deep. At their upper yard they have under way the ship John C. Galhoun, for Spofford & Tiles ton's Liverpool line. She is a three deck ship, 200 fee long, 42 feet beam, and 29 deep. Two large steamships of about 2,000 tons each, for the New York and Califor nia Steamship Company, (recently organized,) have als just been commenced by the same firm. They will be o similar dimensions, viz -260 feet long, 35 feet beam, beam engines, with 50 inch cylinders, from the Morgan In addition to these, this line will be composed of the following steamers—the Winfield Scott and Cortes on the Pacific, and the United States and Union on the

Mr. William Collyer has building a schooner of 22 tens burthen, 103 feet long, 27 feet beam, and 8 feet hold, for the Portland trade; a barge for the Albany trade, 100 feet long, 27 feet beam, and 634 feet deep; and a steamboat of about 320 tons burthen, 150 feet long, 27 feet beam, and 71/2 feet deep, for the Red Bank Steamboat Company. The schooner is in frame, the others are planked. Mr. C. bas also just laid the keel of a steam hip for Spofford & Tileston's Charleston line, of about 1,260 tons burthen, to be commanded by Capt. Berry now of the Marion Sue will be 210 feet long, 34 fee wide, and 22 feet deep. She is to be fitted with a single side lever engine, of large dimensions.

Mr. George Collyer has nearly ready a steamboat calle-

the George Burbeck, for harbor duty. She is 100 feet long, 20 wide, and 6½ deep. Mr. George Burbeck, after whom she is named, is building her engine.

Mr. W. B. Webb has on the stocks two steamships

one of about 2,200 tons burthen, for the Pacific Mai Steamship Company; she is a very sharp vessel, 285 feet long, 40 wide, and 16 deep, and will be launched next month. The Morgan Works are constructing her engine The other steamer is the Atalanta, for S. L. Mitchill's New York and Savannah line; she is of about 1,500 tons bur then; is 220 feet long, 35 wide, and 22 deep; she will be launched in June. Mr. Webb is also building two clipper ships—ene is for Mr. George Danles, of 2,500 tons burthen, 232 feet long, 41 wide, and 26 deep; the piber is for

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Mearra. Roosevelt, Joyce & Co., (a new firm.) have just laid the keel of a large China clipper ship of 1,700 tons, for A. A. Low & Brothers; she will be about 220 feet long on deek, 210 on the keel. As seen and 22 deep. The same firm have also in frame and 22 deep. The same firm have also in the firm of the tons for the Wilmington and she are also and 22 deep. The same firm have also in frame a clipper shot tons for the Wilmington and should be firm to the firm of the Wilmington and should be firm to the firm of the Wilmington and should be firm to the firm of the will also a deep. Engine building at the Allaire works.

Mr. Thomas Collyer has in frame a clipper ship of 1,100 tons for Mosrs. N. & G. Griswold, for the China trade, to be launched about the lat of June. Her dimensions are:—length, 191 feet; beam, 36 feet; hold, 19½, Also, a steamboat 200 feet long, 28 beam, and 8½ deep, for the California river trade. Her burthen will be 450 tons. She is owned by Mr. James Cunningham, engine by Cunningham and Belkinap. Mr. C. has also under way a barge for the North river trade of a dout 200 tons: and he has just commenced a steam tug for Mr. Starques similar in construction to the steamer Confucius, built by Mr. C. for heir ver trade of China. This boat is for harbor towing duty, with an eye to fitness for rougher service in case of being required to go to see after a disabled or abandoned vessel.

Mr. Ecford Webb is building a steamship for Mr. W. Happinsull, 215 feet long, 41 feet vide, and 28 feet deep; burthen, 2 500 tons. Destination, California. Mr. Ecford Webb is building a ferry boat and a tug-boat. The ferry boat is for the Hudson River Rail-rad Company, to run between Greenbush and Albany. Dimensions—length on deek 130 feet beam, and 12 feet deep, and measuring the deep contraction of the hull, 175 feet long, 21 feet wide, and 11% feet deep.

Messrs. Engine of the keel, 25 be

The brig Swan, Captain Pierce, which arrived at this port yesterday, has brought us files of Bermuda papers

up to the 24th of March.

We have also received by the Conway, at Savannah, papers from Kingston, Jamaica, to the same date. The news is scanty. We extract the most interesting

items:—

[From the Hamilton Advertiser, March 15.]

The Merlin, Captain Cronan, arrived at St. Georges on Friday evening, March 11th, four days from New York, bringing papers of the 7th instant, and farnishing English news eighteen days later than our last advices.

Mrs. Baddley, who arrived here a few days past from New York, in the Bright Tornado, for the benefit of her health, and whose intention it was to practice the daguerreotype art while remaining in these islands, has declined taking likenesses for the present, as her health has not recruited sufficiently to warrant her attending to business, and we understand should it not improve by the time the Tornado arrives, she will return to New York.

The Halifax steamer with an English mail of the 5th of March, was due here on the 21st; but as we have to be content until such times as the worn out packet ships on he Halifax and Bermuda line can wa idle along, there is no use in expecting he mails from the North on a certain day.

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A prospectus of a plank road to extend from the beach to the Salt Pond, is laid before the Nassau government, with the hope of getting a charter. It is estimated to cost \$6,000, and was given out in 300 shares of \$20, which are all taken up. The pans are making well, and would promise a good raking, were it not the water in the reservoir was rather in a diseased condition. The arrival of the steamer Conway, as a matter of course, always creates an excitement—news by her is four days later date. The Company's railroad is progressing, and the work is well spoken off by visiters. Ships passing to the north generally come to anchor for stores, &c., and leave considerable cash with us. Town lots are every day increasing in value. We sell our salt readily, and business is as active as we can expect.

The Advertiser of the above date published the following article upon the subject of spiritual knockings:—
It appears the mysterious, so called 'communion' between the material and spirit world is rife in Berrauda Manifestations through a medium in the person of an officer from on board the American brigantine Triad, now lying in our harbor, were exhibited one evening last week in one of the stores in the front street of Hamilton; about half a dozen persons met, half out of curiosity and in half belief; during the course of the evening tahles and chairs were made to move without apparent aid; questions were put, when rap, rap, rap, was received in answer from somewhere, but none present could find the whereabouts; several feats were performed under magnetic influence, (this latter part of the exhibition of course every philosophical manifestations. He apparent to the exhibition of course every philosophical manufactands.) at the adjournment of th

We extract the two following paragraphs from the County Union:-

County Union:—

We state on the most perfect authority that several lumps of metal, pronounced by parties competent to form an opinion, to be gold, have been picked up in Hestor's river, forming, we believe, the boundaries of Manchester and Trelawny, and that they have been forwarded to be analyzed. The Crown Surveyor for Cornwall, who is our informant, is about starting for the spot to investigate the truth of the reports, and will explore the river, over which, to prevent diggers, there has already been placed a restrictive gard.

In reference to the precious metal we state, upon authority also, that a coolie during the past week, mace application to Mr. Stipendiary Justice Chamberlain, for assistance to recover from another coolie a large lump of gold which he states he picked up near Wiltshire estate, in this parish, and which he asserts his fellow laborer was to give him a very considerable sum in money for it. We understand the matter will undergo investigation.

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ALTERATION OF EXCISE DUTIES.

[From the Kingston Colonial Standard, March 15]

We beg to state, for the information of our mercantile and agricultural friends, that the duty payable on produce exported from Jamalia, under the Act 15th Victoria, eap. 39, will come into operation on Thursday, the 17th. The 13th clause of the act provides, "That from and after the period bereinafter mentioned, there shall be levied and paid to Her Majesty, for the purposes of this act, the duties next hereinafter provided that is to say—

On every hogshead of sugar exported from this island, the sum of two shillings.

On every puncheon of rum exported from this island, the sum of two shillings.

And on every bag of pimento of the weight of one hundred and thirty pounds, or on every one hundred and twenty pounds weight of pimento, exported from this island, the sum of four pence.

Provided always. That for the purposes of this act, every three therees of sugar exported shall be taken to be every three therees of sugar exported shall be taken to be every three therees of sugar exported shall be taken to be every three therees of sugar exported shall be taken to be

every three tierces of sugar exported shall be taken to equivalent to two hogshoads, and every eight barrels one hogshead and every two hogsheads of rum shall taken to be equipment to one puncheon.

Peath is still busy in our high places." While the remains of the wife of an ex President of the United States still his unbarried, it becomes the painful duty of the pression communicate the intelligence of the demise of Mrs. Elizabeth Cass, the wife of Gen. Lewis Cass. U. S. Senator from this State, who breathed her last in this city at 11 o'clock on the evening of March 31.

Mrs. Cass was a daughter of Dr. Joseph Seener, of Cennecticut, who removed to Lansingburg. New York, in 1786, at which place she was born, September 27, 1788. Five years afterwards she removed with her father's family to Wood county, Virginia, where she resided until shewas married to Gen. Cass, in 1806. After a residence of about eight years in Murkingom county, Ohio, she came to reside in Michigan, then a territory, over which Gen. Cass had been appointed Governor, in 1815. From that time until the year 1822 she resided here, when she lift to make her residence at Washington with her husband, whe had been appointed Secretary of War under Gen. Jackson. In the year 1826 she necompanied Gen. Cass to Paris, where she resided during the continuance of his term as Minister to France, returning to this city, somewhat in advance of him, in 1841.

Mrs. Cass has labored more or less under pulmonary disease for the last twenty years, during which time she has been compelled to watch her health with care, and from time to time to resort to a change of climate and air for relief or alleviation of her symptoms. It has only been within the last five weeks, however, that apprehen sions have been entertained by her friends of her immediate demise, and they delayed a long as safety and propriety permitted, to make Gen. Cass, who was in attendance upon his duties at Washington, fully aware of her critical situation.

The blow which is felt in her death falls with severeweight upon Gen. Cass, notwithstanding his warning which has been vouchasfed him, and he seems, as we are informed by the immediate friends of the family, almost ready to sink under it. Th

The funeral will take place from the house of Captaire Canfield, corner of Fort and First streets, on Sunday aftermoon at two o'clock.

Obituary.

Gen. Thomas Marshall, of Lewis county, Kentucky, was shot by one of his tennuts, named Tyler, on the 29th March. General Marshall represented Lewis county in the Legislature of Kentucky for several years. During the Mexican war he was appointed Brigadier General, and commanded a force of about 2.750 volunteers, on the Rio Grande. He had not, however, an opportunity to distinguish himself in any of the battles in Mexico. In his detailed report of the battle of Buena Vista, which was fought on the 23d February, 1847, Gen. Taylor says:—"During the night, (after the battle) the wounded were removed to Saltillo, and every preparation made to receive the enemy, should he again attack our position. Brigadier-General Marshall, who had made a forced march from the Rinconada, with a reinforcement of Kentucky cavalry and four heavy guns, under Captain Prenti's, was near at hand, when it was discovered that the enemy had abandoned his position during the night." The Kentucky cavalry engaged in the battle of Buena Vista were commanded by Colonel Humohrey Marshall, now Commissioner to China. At the close of the year 1847, Gen. Marshall, with a column of troops, went to Vera Cruz, and marched to join the army under the command of Major-General Scott; but the conquest of Mexico having been achieved, there was but little active service for the troops between Vera Cruz and Mexico, and he returned to Kentucky in 1848. Gen. Marshall was about 57 years of age at the time of his death. We are not aware that there was any relationship between him and Thomas F. Marshall, formerly a member of Congress from the Lexington district, whose death is erroneously reported in seme of the papers.

Death of Leutenant Frederick J. Denman, United States Arabut-—The sudden and melancholy death of this young and promising officer, saving reached here a few days ago, has casta dark cloud over his family an

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Our California Correspondence

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1, 1853 Anxiety as to the Cabinet Appointments of the New Administration-Attempt to Divide the State of California-The Extension of the Front of San Francisco-Malignant Plunder by the Guerilla Chief Joaquin and his Band— One Thousand Dollars Officed by the Governor for his Head—Grand Turn Out of the Firemen—The Australian Fever—The Ericsson Invention in a California Point of

View, &c.
We are all looking forward with much interest as to whom may be awarded seats in the cabinet of the in coming administration. Until the result is definitely known here, it is certain that there will be no adjourn ment of our Legislature. Results of more than ordinary interest to us depend upon the complexion of the in coming cabinet. In local matters, the disposition of various conflicting interests is exciting more feeling in the body politic than has been experienced, perhaps since the admission of the State.

In order to make places for several aspirants for office a deep and well laid plan is on foot to cause a division of the State. Notwithstanding the depth of the plan, it will be defeated when brought to the popular vote, if ever should get thus far Though most cunningly de vised, the proposed convention will never have Northern delegates who would dare to sanction a division in the manner proposed. Were it not that it would occupy too much space, I would write a more detailed account. The extension of this city's front is an all absorbin

toe much space, I would write a more detailed account. The extension of this city's front is an all absorbing question with us San Franciscans at present. The great discussion on the matter is to take place on Thursday next. Were you to believe the arguments against the measure, you would be led to believe that this magnificent harbor is but a pigmy place, of very limited dimensions—that it is to be irrevocably ruined, &c., &c. This is all talk. The harbor is large enough, God knows, for several such extensions, and will be greatly improved by convenient wharfs for discharging large class ships. The treuble is that those now noiding wharf property or water fronts will not find their property so valuable, should the city extension be carried out. The bill will pass, perhaps in a modified form, and not without exciting some angry discussion on both sides.

Among the passengers recently arrived from Panama there has been sad mortality, from some malignant fever, which generally breaks out several days after the steamer leaves Panama. Both the Golden Gate and the Winfield Scott had sad lists of deaths on their arrival here, accounts of which you may see in the papers; but such news they are here very loth to publish.

The notorious guerilla chief Joaquin is still at large murdering and robbing with his band, although frequently reported as captured. In the last few weeks some thirty murders are reported committed by him or his band. It is supposed that they must have robbed to the amount of \$30,000. The Governor offers \$1,000 for his head. Some hundreds of Americans are after him, but still he manages to clude pursuit, being always well mounted.

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The 22d February was celebrated here in great style by the firemen. The "First California Guard" acted as eccort to the procession. Boston Philadelphia, and Baltimore were duly represented as was also New York by Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, with their new and powerful engine, built by James Smith, of New York. This company created quite a sensation, by having two small boys upon their beautiful engine dressed exactly as old Diderich Knickerbocker is described. The little follows conducted themselves with a gravity that would have caused old Diderich himself to have smiled. The Knickerbockers numbered about eighty as fine looking men as Gottamites would wish to look upon. When duty ealis them, may they do honor to "their" fatherland.

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Australia excitement is on the increase. Several ships are up—also, the fite steamer New Orleans—all bound for Melbourne and Sydney. The propeller Monumen'al City has sailed crowded with passengers. According to signs, there will be no lack of passengers.

We Californians have with great interest watched the progress of the Friesson engine, and with deep gratification we have read accounts of the trial on the 11th of January of the Friesson, ship. To us this is a subject of tremendous interest, for by it we look to results and advantages to accrue to us here that would have appeared visionary a few mooths since. In my mixto I may give a few items about Lower California. It is now left to take care of itself, and some adventurous spirits feel desirous of prospecting some of those bills and pulches said to contain numerous minerals. This country must be prospected, but how soon time will determine.